

# EXHIBIT A

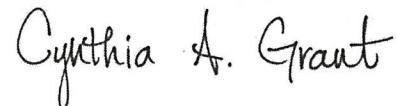
## **Certificate of Admission To the Bar of Illinois**

I, Cynthia A. Grant, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Illinois, do hereby certify that

Joel Erik Connolly

has been duly licensed and admitted to practice as an Attorney and Counselor at Law within this State; has duly taken the required oath to support the CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES and of the STATE OF ILLINOIS, and also the oath of office prescribed by law, that said name was entered upon the Roll of Attorneys and Counselors in my office on 11/04/1999 and is in good standing, so far as the records of this office disclose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto  
subscribed my name and affixed the  
seal of said Court, this 26th day of  
November, 2024.



Clerk,  
Supreme Court of the State of Illinois



*Appellate Division of the Supreme Court  
of the State of New York  
Third Judicial Department*

*I, Robert D. Mayberger, Clerk of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Third Judicial Department, do hereby certify that*

*Joel Erik Connolly*

*was duly licensed and admitted to practice as an Attorney and Counselor at Law in all the courts of this State on May 29, 2024, has duly taken and subscribed the oath of office prescribed by law, has been enrolled in the Roll of Attorneys and Counselors at Law on file in this office, is duly registered with the Office of Court Administration, and according to the records of this Court is currently in good standing as an Attorney and Counselor-at-Law.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand in the City of Albany on November 14, 2024.*



*Robert D. Mayberger*

*Clerk of the Court*